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State Flood Update as of 6 p.m. Oct. 21

CAMP MURRAY -- With flooding occurring throughout much of the Puget Sound region, the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains at full activation in support of the flood fighting efforts of local jurisdictions.

Numerous state and local roads are closed or partially closed in many counties. The most current state highway information can be found at the Washington Department of Transportation website at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/>. Information about local road conditions can be obtained from local emergency management offices.

County overview

The following jurisdictions have declared states of emergency: the counties of Clallam, Kitsap, Jefferson, Mason, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom and the cities of Concrete and Shelton. In addition, emergency operations centers have been activated to respond to flooding and heavy rains in Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King and Thurston counties and the cities of Shelton and Concrete.

Shelters

- Two shelters are open in Snohomish County.
- 10 shelters are open in Skagit County

Other State Activities:

- Fifty Washington State Patrol troopers have been sent to Skagit County to assist the Skagit County Sheriff.
- Twenty vehicles and 50 personnel from the Washington National Guard have been assigned to assistance missions for local jurisdictions. A National Guard liaison officer has been sent to Skagit County.

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- Civil Air Patrol this evening is flying an aerial photography mission of the inundated areas.
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is supplying three jet boats and crews with night vision equipment to assist with night flood operations in Skagit County.
- Ten thousand sandbags were sent to Kitsap County and 12,000 sandbags to Mason County.
- Current flood warnings are in effect for the following rivers: Nooksack (from the mouth to Ferndale), Satsop, Skagit, Skokomish, Snoqualmie, Snohomish and Stillaguamish.
- Department of Health Advisory: The Silvana system has had a water break and is issuing a boil water advisory. Stanwood is taking precautionary measures and shutting down one pump to prevent contamination.
- State emergency management liaisons have been sent to Skagit County.

The state EOC continues to monitor flood levels and weather conditions, and standing by to provide further assistance to local jurisdictions as requested. Representatives from the Washington Military Department, Washington State Patrol, Department of Transportation, Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Ecology, American Red Cross, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have reported to the State EOC.

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